



November 27, 2018

To: Harry LaBonde, Director
Wyoming Water Development Office
6920 Yellowtail Rd.
Cheyenne, WY 82002
307-777-7626

Re: Westfork of Battle Creek Dam and Reservoir Project, Little Snake/Yampa River Basin.

Dear Mr. LaBonde:

The Yampa White Green River (YWG) Basin Roundtable would like to take this opportunity to thank you and your staff for assisting with the tour on August 7th of the Westfork of Battle Creek Project. At our November 14th meeting, the Roundtable unanimously approved the support for the process of reviewing a reservoir at the west fork of Battle Creek. The membership would like to be clear that this is not support of the reservoir itself, only the process of the exploration, as approval of a reservoir would need to come before the membership in a final format, after NEPA has been completed.

As the project is currently configured approximately 4,000 – 5,000 acres of irrigated lands in Colorado would be potentially eligible to purchase supplemental irrigation water from the project. The membership understands that the engineered estimated construction cost for the project is \$80 million dollar and currently the State of Wyoming has appropriated \$11.3 million towards the project. The consultants estimate this project will result in approximately \$92 million dollars in economic benefit to the regional economy in Wyoming and Colorado. It is our understanding that the Wyoming Legislature directed the WWDO to pursue partnership opportunities with the state, regional, local entities, and water users in Colorado to pursue additional funding on a prorate basis for construction of the project. Most Recently the Savery-Little Snake River Water Conservancy District (WY) and the Pothook Water Conservancy District (CO) jointly filed an application for PL566 federal funds (\$1.2 Million) to begin the NEPA analysis for this project.

The YWG Round Table supports the development of water resource in the basin and would be happy to work with local water users in Colorado and Wyoming and the State of Wyoming. We would like to offer this letter of support for the process of reviewing the reservoir, and will be available to assist your office as you move this project forward for the mutual benefit of water users in both states. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'JB', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Jackie Brown

Yampa White Green Basin Roundtable, Chair
